

George Harrison Esq.
Navy Agent. Sir

Mint of the United States
December 16th 1815.

I have received your letter of the 10th and on enquiry find that Mr. Reeds has engraved a pair of Dies for the gold medal to be presented to Commodore Hull, but none for the silver medals; perhaps however, they are all to be struck with the same die.

In a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the 28th Mr. Reeds expressed the wish of the Secretary of the Navy, that the machinery of the mint should be employed in striking the medals directed by Congress to be presented to certain officers of the Navy, who distinguished themselves during the late war. And in reply, requested the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the Secretary of the Navy, that the machinery of the mint, so far as may not expose it to injury, by employment of unskilful workmen, nor interfere with the necessary operations of the institution, should be at his service, for the above purpose.

I beg leave further to inform you, that the Director of the mint has no official control over the other Officers or workmen of the mint, except as it respects the proper business of the institution. It will therefore be necessary for the Secretary of the Navy, or his agent, either thro' the Director of the mint, or otherwise, to make the necessary contracts for hardening, tempering and polishing the Dies, for pressing and assenting the gold and silver, for making collars, cutters, bids and stakes, providing

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necessary for the last operation, and finally for the striking of the medals.

George Harrison, Esquire,
Savvy Agent.
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I am respectfully -
Yours obed^t serv^t
R. Patterson

Mint of the United States
December 16, 1815

George Harrison, Esq.
Navy Agent,
Philadelphia

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th and on enquiry find that Mr. Reich has engraved a pair of dies for the gold medal to be presented to Commodore Hull, but none for the silver medals; perhaps however, they are all to be struck with the same dies.

In a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the 25th ultimo, he expressed the wish of the Secretary of the Navy "that the machinery of the Mint should be employed in striking the medals directed by Congress to be presented to certain officers of the Navy who distinguished themselves during the late war." And in reply requested the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the Secretary of the Navy that the machinery of the Mint, so far as may not expose it to injury by employment of unskillful workmen, nor interfere in the necessary operations of the institution, should be at his service for the above purpose.

I beg leave to further inform you, that the Director of the Mint has no official control over the other officers or workmen of the mint, except as it respects the proper business of the institution. It will therefore be necessary for the Secretary of the Navy, or his agent, other than the Director of the Mint, or otherwise, to make the necessary contracts for hardening, tempering and polishing the dies; for processing and refining the gold and silver, for making collars, cutters, bids and stakes previously necessary of the last operation; and finally for the striking of the medals.

I am respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
R. M. Patterson

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